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SUBJECT: Morning Developments

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Lebanon

Several hundred foreign students and some PLO officials protested today outside the US Embassy in Beijing against US support for Israel and the recent massacre of Palestinian refugees in West Beirut. (AP)

China

The Chinese announced today a 20-year development plan for "a quasicapitalist special economic zone" bordering Hong Kong. The plan emphasizes industrial development and provides investment incentives such as lowered taxes. (DJ)

South Africa

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## LEBANON: Amin Jumayyil's Prospects

*Barring another untoward event in Lebanon, Amin Jumayyil, elder brother of the slain President-elect, appears certain to win the presidential election today.* [redacted]

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Amin is different both in personality and temperament from his late brother. He is regarded by the Lebanese as more devious than Bashir and more of a pragmatist willing to make political compromises. A behind-the-scenes operator, he has built a solid political base in his constituency in Mount Lebanon. [redacted]

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The broad political consensus that has developed for his candidacy is fragile, however, and most Lebanese politicians see him as only a surrogate for Bashir. [redacted]

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Amin--a political moderate--represents the older and more conservative wing of the Phalange party. This reputation makes him more acceptable to many factions than was his hardline and hot-headed brother. [redacted]

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Many political leaders who had earlier opposed Bashir probably believe that Amin is open to greater influence than his brother. Moreover, there is now a near unanimous view in Lebanon that the Israeli presence is destructive and can only be removed by presenting a united political front. [redacted]

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At the same time, his moderation has alienated many of the younger, more extremist Christians who make up the majority of the militia. Under Bashir, the influence of the militia eclipsed the political wing of the party, and Amin may have difficulty in restoring the dominance of the politburo. [ ]

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Amin favors the formation of a strong central government as a means of overcoming the internal inertia that he sees as contributing to the country's problems. Although he will attempt to follow through on Bashir's policies, he lacks the force and conviction of his brother and probably cannot deliver on political reforms. The Israelis' decision to support Amin probably is based more on their desire to see the Phalange militia maintained as a military organization than on any belief that he will provide strong leadership for the country. [ ]

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Jumayyil has wide-ranging political contacts with most of Lebanon's factions and with the Syrian and PLO leaderships. Although his approach toward the Palestinians is more moderate than Bashir's, he is determined that a solution to their problems not be reached at Lebanon's expense and that the remaining Palestinians must be subordinate to the central government. [ ]

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Amin favors a political dialogue with the Syrians to settle their differences but remains opposed to Syrian involvement in Lebanese internal affairs. In 1980 he rejected a proposed security arrangement with them. [ ]

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